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SUBJECT: SSOD GENERAL DEBATE, JUNE 7 AM, STATEMENTS OF  
SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, OMAN, NEPAL

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS BY SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, OMAN AND NEPAL. SAUDI STATEMENT ELOQUENTLY DELIVERED BUT LACKED ANY REAL SUBSTANCE. SINGAPORE PRESENTED CANDID AND EFFECTIVE EXAMINATION OF ROLE THIRD WORLD NATIONS CAN HAVE IN ACHIEVING DISARMAMENT. OMAN SUPPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES AND ONLY BRIEFLY CRITICIZED ISRAEL. NEPAL'S WELL RECEIVED ADDRESS SUMMARIZED THE FEARS AND ESPERATIONS OF SMALL DEVELOPING NATIONS REGARDING DISARMAMENT, LINKED DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT UN PEACE FORCE AND NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES. END SUMMARY.

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2. SAUDI PERMREP BARUDI'S WARMLY RECEIVED ADDRESS COMPENSATED IN STYLE OF DELIVERY WHAT IT LACKED IN SUBSTANCE. OF COMPETING INTEREST WAS THE FACT THAT THROUGHOUT HIS TALK, THE UAE CHAIR WAS VACANT AND THE ENTIRE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WAS ABSENT FOR THE WHOLE MORNING MEETING. MOST OF SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO SEVERAL SOMEWHAT BIZARRE PROPOSALS FOR PEACEKEEPING AND DISARMAMENT.

3. SINGAPORE PERMREP KOH DELIVERED WHAT IS WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED AS A CANDID AND EFFECTIVE EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE THIRD WORLD NATIONS CAN HAVE IN ACHIEVING DISARMAMENT. KOH OBSERVED THAT THIRD WORLD STATES USUALLY BLAME THE US, USSR, NATO, THE WARSAW PACT AND DEVELOPED STATES IN GENERAL FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE ARMS RACE. HOWEVER, KOH DEDUCED EVERYONE IS IN ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARMS RACE. (KOH HAD PREVIOUSLY INQUIRED ABOUT WORLDWIDE ARMS TRANSFER AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS FROM THE US DEL FOLLOWING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S ADDRESS TO SSOD.) THEREFORE THE REDUCTION OF THE ARMS RACE REQUIRES HONEST SELF-ANALYSIS, NOT CASTING BLAME AT OTHERS. KOH CALLED ON ALL STATES TO ADMIT TO THEMSELVES THAT THE UN CHARTER HAS NOT BEEN TRULY IMPLEMENTED AND OBSERVED THAT GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IS UNLIKELY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. MORE LIMITED OBJECTIVES ARE ATTAINABLE: KOH CALLED FOR SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF A SALT II TREATY WITH A THIRD SALT ROUND RAPIDLY FOLLOWING TO CONSIDER REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR STOCKPILES AND DELIVERY VEHICLES. MEANWHILE THE US AND USSR SHOULD AGREE TO LIMIT AND REDUCE PROGRESSIVELY THEIR MILITARY SPENDING ON NEW STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPON SYSTEMS AND TO STOP FLIGHT-TESTING OF ALL NEW STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES. KOH HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN PROMULGATION OF A CTB WITH ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES ADHERING TO IT. HE ALSO SUPPORTED PROPOSALS FOR A TREATY TO BAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, ONE TO BAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND ONE TO BAN NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS. TURNING TO SPECIFIC ROLES FOR THE THIRD WORLD, HE CALLED ON THOSE STATES TO MAINTAIN A MORAL CONSENSUS AGAINST ANY MEMBERS ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. "A COUNTRY WHICH ACQUIRES NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AND NOT REWARDED." ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES EITHER ON A REGIONAL BASIS, OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, ON A SUB-REGIONAL BASIS. DEVELOPING STATES SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO REDUCE THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE TAKING PLACE AMONG THEM. KOH ALSO HOPED THAT DEVELOPING ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL AGREEMENTS TO CHECK THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE. HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING ON THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO GENERATE A CLIMATE OF COOPERATION AND DEVISE INSTITUTION FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND SECURITY.

4. OMAN'S UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AL-ALAWI CONCENTRATED ON DISARMAMENT TO ALMOST THE VIRTUAL EXCLUSION OF MENTION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ONLY BRIEFLY CRITI-

CIZED ISRAEL FOR EXPANDING ITS ARMAMENTS AND WORKING TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITY. IN CONCERT WITH OTHER SMALL DEVELOPING NATIONS, OMAN SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. AL-ALAWI CALLED FOR A CLEAR GUARANTEE TO NON-NUCLEAR STATES THAT NUCLEAR-ARMED NATIONS WILL NOT USE THESE HORRIBLE WEAPONS AGAINST THEM. OMAN ALSO ADVOCATES PARTICIPATION OF A WIDER NUMBER OF STATES IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH AN EXPANDED UN ROLE. AL-ALAWI ADVOCATED APPLYING UN PROCEDURAL RULES, ESPECIALLY REGARDS CHAIRMANSHIP AND REPORTING, TO CCD. HE CONCLUDED BY REGRETTING THAT THERE HAS BEEN ONLY LIMI-

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TED PROGRESS IN BANNING CHEMICAL AND INCENDIARY WEAPONS,  
INHUMAN WEAPONS, CLUSTER BOMBS, AND RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.

5. NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL'S WELL-RECEIVED ADDRESS SUMMARIZED THE FEARS AND ASPIRATIONS OF SMALL DEVELOPING NATIONS REGARDS DISARMAMENT. ARYAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DE-ESCALATING AND THEN REVERSING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BY DESTROYING STOCKPILES OF SUCH ARMS, THEN HALTING DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH WEAPONS. ARYAL VOICED THE FEAR THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS MAY SOME DAY BE USED BY TERRORISTS. HE SPOKE OF HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THERE ARE YET NO SALT

II AND COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATIES. ARYAL ADVOCATED UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NPT BUT NOTED THAT ALL NATIONS HAVE A RIGHT TO DEVELOP PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, HE OBSERVED THAT NO STATE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR ARMS CAPABILITY FROM PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HE ADDED NEPAL TO THE LIST OF NATIONS CALLING

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FOR NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO PLEDGE TO THE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES NEVER TO USE NUCLEAR ARMS AGAINST THEM AND TO PLEDGE THAT IN EACH CASE THEY WILL NOT BE THE FIRST TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ARYAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE NEED TO REDUCE THE PLETHORA OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IS ALSO URGENT. HE FOUND ATTEMPTS SO FAR IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY TO RESTRICT SALE AND TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS DESULTORY. ARYAL ADVOCATED A COMPLETE BAN ON NAPALM AND INCENDIARY WEAPONS. IN STEP WITH OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS, ARYAL LINKED DISARMAMENT WITH THE NIEO. HE CALLED ON THE BIG POWERS, ESPECIALLY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO FREEZE, THEN GRADUALLY REDUCE THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS. ARYAL CALLED FOR SMALL STATES TO HAVE A PART IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS BY MEANS OF A WIDER ROLE FOR THE UN. HE OBSERVED THAT THE MAJOR POWERS, ESPECIALLY THE NUCLEAR ARMED ONES, LACK THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO DISARM. ARYAL ADVOCATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT UN PEACE FORCE AND WELCOMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SUGGESTION THAT ONE MILLION DOLLARS BE EARMARKED FOR DISARMAMENT FOR EVERY BILLION SPENT ON ARMS. NEPAL IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE SYG'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY BOARD OF EMINENT PERSONS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. ON BEHALF OF NEPAL ARYAL WELCOMED PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, AND TO CONSTITUTE AN INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE AND THE CONCOMITANT WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASIS IT WILL ENTAIL. ARYAL ALSO SUPPORTED THE ASEAN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE ALSO REITERATED NEPAL'S PROPOSAL THAT NEPAL ITSELF BECOME A ZONE OF PEACE AND HE APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT IN THIS RESPECT THAT NEPAL HAS RECEIVED FROM "SEVERAL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES." FINALLY, ARYAL EXPRESSED NEPAL'S SUPPORT FOR

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